



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5380***

LCO No. 1744



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF COST SAVINGS FROM THE  
UTILIZATION OF MOBILITY SYSTEMS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1      Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) The Commissioner of Social  
2      Services, in consultation with the Commissioner on Aging, shall study  
3      the utilization of technology to reduce costs to provide state-funded  
4      assistance to immobile or semi-ambulatory persons. Such technology  
5      shall include mobility systems that transfer immobile or semi-  
6      ambulatory persons from bed to wheelchair or commode. Not later  
7      than January 1, 2017, the Commissioner of Social Services shall file a  
8      report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
9      statutes, on the results of the study to the joint standing committees of  
10     the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging,  
11     human services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.  
12     The report shall include any estimated savings from the utilization of  
13     technology, including, but not limited to, reductions in (1) injuries to  
14     persons who receive state-funded assistance and staff who assist them,  
15     and (2) hospital or nursing home admissions and readmissions related  
16     to such injuries.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To study potential cost savings from the utilization of mobility systems and other technology for persons who receive state financial assistance.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*